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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HUENKE, PAUL

Examiner

Hilary Gutman

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 6-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8 and 9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 7 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 6 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 04 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Double Patenting

1. Claim 10 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 6.

When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 6, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gillet in view of Sloan.

Gillet (4,266,821) discloses a cargo bucket system comprising: a frame 22 hingedly attached indirectly to rear corner posts of a vehicle; a cargo bucket 28 pivotally attached to the frame; and a locking mechanism 20 for securing the frame in an upright position (Figure 1) to the rear corner posts.

Gillet lacks a handle for pivoting the cargo bucket.

Sloan (4,741,575) teaches a handle 36 for a cargo bucket.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have provided a handle as taught by Sloan upon the cargo bucket of Gillet in order to aid a user in movement of the cargo bucket.

With regard to claims 6 and 10, said frame is apparently adjustable along the width of the vehicle.

4. Claims 2-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gillet, as modified, and applied to claim 1 above and further in view of Abreu.

With regard to claim 2, Gillet, as modified, further comprises: a pivot bolt 32 attaching said cargo bucket to said frame.

Gillet, as modified, lacks spacers between said frame and said cargo bucket including ball bearings.

Abreu (4,026,387) teaches spacers with ball bearings (Figure 4).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have provided spacers with ball bearings as taught by Abreau between the frame and cargo bucket of Gillet, as modified, in order to allow smooth pivoting of the cargo bucket.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 4 and 7 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

7. Applicant's arguments filed 8/22/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's arguments against the references individually, one cannot show nonobviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on combinations of references. See *In re Keller*, 642 F.2d 413, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA 1981); *In re Merck & Co.*, 800 F.2d 1091, 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986).

In response to applicant's argument that the handle of Sloan is not used for pivoting, a recitation of the intended use of the claimed invention must result in a structural difference between the claimed invention and the prior art in order to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. If the prior art structure is capable of performing the intended use, then it meets the claim.

In response to applicant's argument that there is no suggestion to combine the references, the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, Sloan teaches the desirability of a handle upon a cargo bucket to aid a user in movement of the cargo bucket. A handle placed upon the bucket of Gillet, which pivots as it moves would aid a user in the movement of the bucket.

In response to applicant's argument that there is no motivation to modify Gillet with the handle of Sloan, the applicant states that adding a handle to the toolbox would defeat the purpose of Gillet. The purpose of the toolbox of Gillet is to move between the position of Figure 1 and the position of Figure 3. Providing a handle to aid in this movement would not apparently defeat this purpose.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hilary Gutman whose telephone number is 571-272-6662.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on 571-272-6659. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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